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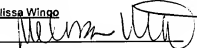
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	Andreas Witzel, et al.	§	Group Art Unit:	2617
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For: OPERATING OF A SWITCHING NODE IN A COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK
 COMPRISING BOTH A LAYERED AND A NON-LAYERED ARCHITECTURAL
 ENVIRONMENT

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Dear Examiner:

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R §1.116

In response to the Final Office action of November 19, 2007, the Applicant submits the following remarks and/or amendments. If any extension of time for this Response is required, the Applicants request that this be considered a petition therefore. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1379.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.